Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

1-23. (canceled)

24. (new) An isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from:

(a) amino acids 1 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6;

(b) amino acids 2 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6;

(c) the amino acid sequence of the complete I-FLICE-2 polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038; and

(d) the amino acid sequence of the complete I-FLICE-2 polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038 excepting the N-terminal methionine.

25. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (a).

26. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (b).

27. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (c).

28. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (d).

29. (new) A fusion protein comprising the isolated I-FLICE polypeptide of claim 24 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

30. (new) The fusion protein of claim 29, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

31. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24, wherein the polypeptide is glycosylated.

32. (new) A composition comprising the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24 and a carrier.

33. (new) An I-FLICE-2 protein produced by the method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 24; and

(b) recovering said I-FLICE-2 protein from the host cell culture.

34. (new) An I-FLICE-2 polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from:

(a) amino acids 1 to 75 of SEQ ID NO:6;

(b) amino acids 76 to 252 of SEQ ID NO:6; and

(c) amino acids 253 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6.

35. (new) An I-FLICE-2 polypeptide comprising a first amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a second amino acid sequence selected from:

(a) amino acids 1 to 348 of SEQ ID NO:6; and

(b) the amino acid sequence of the complete I-FLICE-2 polypeptide encoded by the cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209038;

wherein said I-FLICE-2 polypeptide inhibits TNFR-1 and CD-95 induced apoptosis.

36. (new) The I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (a).

37. (new) The I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35 which comprises the amino acid sequence of (b).

38. (new) A fusion protein comprising the isolated I-FLICE polypeptide of claim 35 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

39. (new) The fusion protein of claim 38, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

40. (new) The isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35, wherein the polypeptide is glycosylated.

41. (new) A composition comprising the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35 and a carrier.

42. (new) An I-FLICE-2 protein produced by the method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated I-FLICE-2 polypeptide of claim 35; and

(b) recovering said I-FLICE-2 protein from the host cell culture.